# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

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Pravasi Bhartiya Welfare Centres
Nayak Shri B.V.

**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has established any Pravasi Bhartiya Welfare Centres in the country or abroad;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of such centres working;

(c) if not, whether the Government is considering to open such centres in the near future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) to (d) The Government has established Overseas Workers Resource Centre (OWRC) in Gurugram since 2008 and an Indian Workers Resource Centre (IWRC) has been functioning in Dubai since 2010.

Overseas Workers Resource Centre (OWRC) at Gurugram is a multi-lingual 24x7 helpline, has been operational since 2008 and provides information to intending migrants and overseas workers on all aspects of overseas employment, including requirements to obtain a legitimate work permit/visa for employment abroad.

In addition, five Migrant Resource Centres (MRCs) have been set up in Kochi, Hyderabad, Gurugram, Chennai and Lucknow to provide information and counselling for intending migrants about the procedure for legal migration and precautions to be taken while migrating.

In addition, the Ministry has also approved setting up four new IWRCs in Riyadh, Jeddah (Saudi Arabia); Sharjah (United Arab Emirates) and Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia).